5. HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

CITY OF CARLSBAD HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN (HMP)

The Habitat Management Plan (HMP) is a comprehensive plan to identify how the city, in cooperation with federal and state agencies and the San Diego region, can preserve the diversity of habitat and protect sensitive biological resources while allowing for future development in the city consistent with the City's General Plan and its Growth Management Plan. The Plan establishes a wildlife preserve consisting of large habitat core areas which are completely linked by wildlife corridors that also provide connection to the city's three lagoons and habitat areas in adjoining cities. Of the remaining 8,800 acres of natural habitats in the city, the Plan results in the preservation of 6,500 acres. The preserve system consists of existing hardline preserve areas (existing dedicated habitat areas), proposed hardline preserve areas (proposed habitat areas to be dedicated) and standards areas (unplanned areas that are subject to conservation standards). The Plan will provide protection for 43 endangered or sensitive plant and animal species. The HMP received all of its final approvals from the federal and state wildlife agencies in November of 2004.

